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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Richard Richley et al.)
Application No. 10/518,423)
Filed: December 17, 2004) Group Art Unit: 3774
For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR)
MINIMALLY INVASIVE TREATMENT)
OF DEGENERATED SPINAL DISCS)
Examiner: Alvin J. Stewart) Attorney Docket No. TDYNE-305

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2009 on the above-identified application. Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this document.